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**MOVE OVER,**

# EXCALIBUR™

**THE UNEARTHLY**

# N-MEN

**HAVE ARRIVED**



ALAN DAVIS

MARK FARMER



**AN OLD LEGEND IS REVIVED**

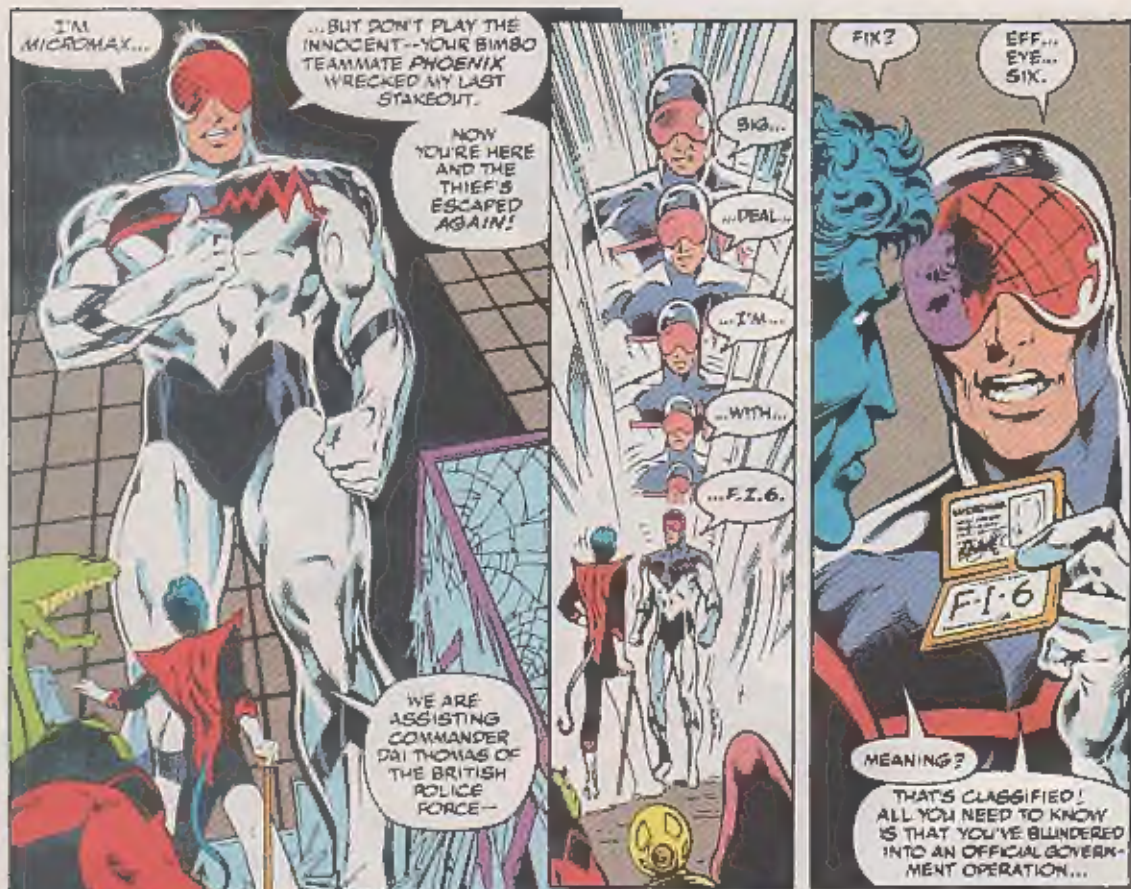


THE POWERFUL CAPTAIN BRITAIN, THE SHAPE-CHANGING MEGGAN, THE INTANGIBLE SHADOWCAT, THE TELEPORTING NIGHTCRAWLER, THE MYSTERIOUS PHOENIX, THE EVER-UNPREDICTABLE WIDGET AND LOCKHEED THE DRAGON FORGED IN THE FIRES OF THEIR TRAGIC PASTS. THEY HAVE BANNED TOGETHER TO FIGHT A MODERN DAY CRUSADE AGAINST THE FORCES OF EVIL! STAN LEE PRESENTS... EXCALIBUR!

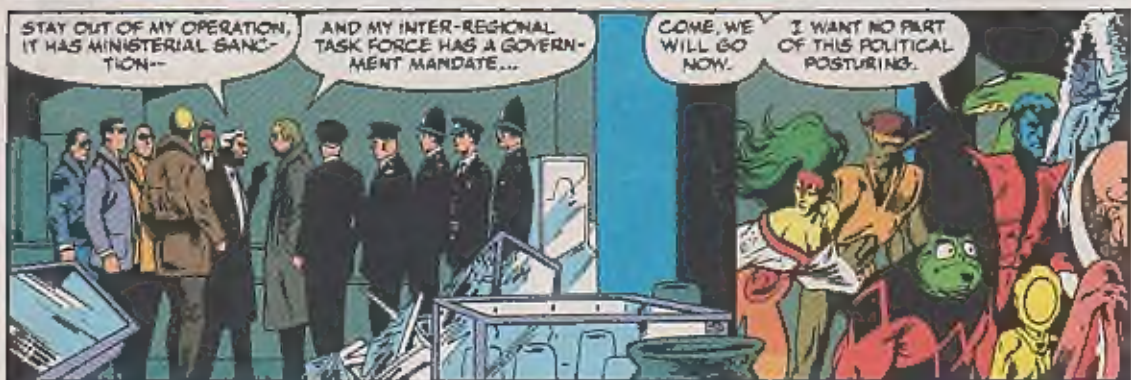


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OTHERWORLD...



MOMENTS AGO, BRIAN BRADDOCK—CAPTAIN BRITAIN OF EARTH 616—WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH...

...BY A JUDICIAL COURT OF HIS FBERS, HERE IN THE SUPREME HEADQUARTERS OF ROMA'S OMNIVERSAL POLICE FORCE.



HE IS CURRENTLY APPEALING AGAINST THE JUDGMENT...

...WITH BOTH FISTS.



HIS DEFENSE COUNSEL, LINDA MCGILLIGAN—CAPTAIN U.K. OF EARTH 639—RISES TO SUPPORT HIS RESOLUTION...

YOU SHOULD HAVE STAYED OUT OF THIS, LINDA... WE DON'T STAND A CHANCE.



WE'VE BEEN IN WORSE SPOTS.

SOMETHING WILL TURN UP.



# Taratatatatada

PRAY SILENCE FOR  
THE OMNIVERSAL  
MAJESTRIK OPAL LUM  
SATURN THE...

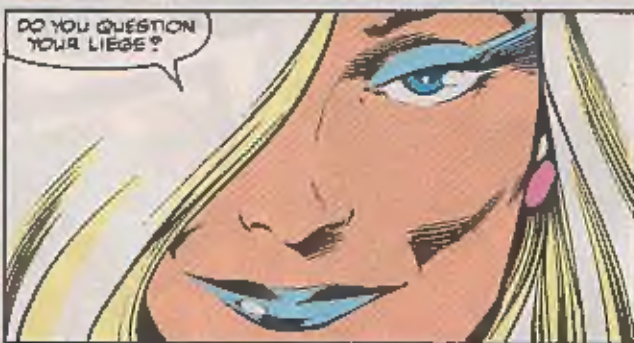
SORRY TO  
INTERRUPT YOUR  
LITTLE FRACAS,  
BUT OUR RULER,  
THE SUPREME  
OMNIVERSAL  
GUARDIAN, ROMA,  
HAS ASKED ME  
TO DELIVER A  
SMALL DECREE.

"IT WOULD PLEASE  
ME GREATLY IF THE  
CORP WOULD CEASE  
ITS PUNITIVE ACTION  
AGAINST CAPTAIN  
BRITAIN 616 AND  
RESTORE HIM TO  
FREEDOM--SIGNED  
ROMA, DAUGHTER  
OF MERLYN."



BUT...SURELY  
NOT--

WHY?



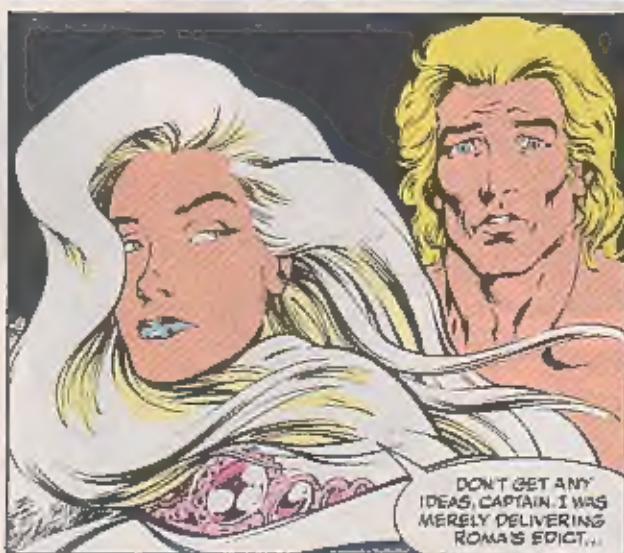
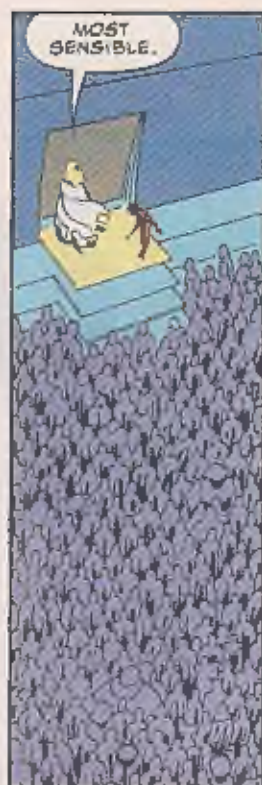
DO YOU QUESTION  
YOUR LIEGE?



NEVER,  
M'LADY.

NO, NO.  
OF COURSE  
NOT!

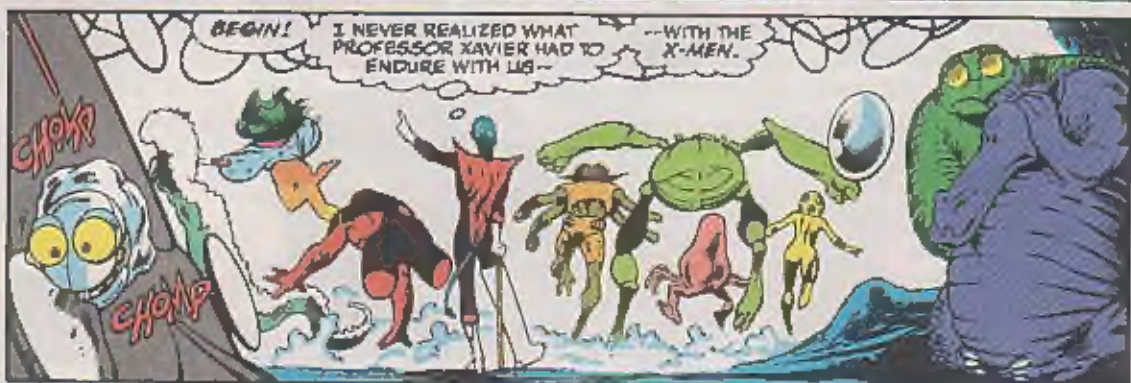
















OTHERWORLD...

IT'S  
AWESOME  
LINDA...WHAT  
IS IT?

THE ENERGY  
MATRIX IS SO  
CONCENTRATED  
HERE IT CREATES  
AN OPTICAL  
EFFECT.

ENERGY  
MATRIX?

YOU REALLY  
SHOULD HAVE ATTENDED  
THE DOOR TRAINING  
LECTURES, BRIAN...

...THERE ARE WEAK  
SPOTS IN THE FABRIC  
OF SPACE ACROSS THE  
MULTIVERSE-- DOORWAYS  
BETWEEN REALITIES--

--AN EXCHANGE OF EXOTIC  
PARTICLES AT THESE INTERFACES  
GENERATES ENERGY FIELDS THAT  
LINK AND FORM THE MATRIX.





"CERTAINLY  
LOOKS IMPRESSIVE  
LORDA

"IT'S NOT JUST A LIGHT  
SHOW, BRAN. WE THE WOLVES  
ALL HAVE THE ABILITY TO  
ABSORB AND METABOLISE  
THE ENERGY FROM THE  
MATRIX

"THAT'S WHAT  
GIVES US OUR  
POWERS



"IS  
THE MATRIX  
CONFINED TO  
BRITAIN?"

"YES, THERE ARE  
INTERFACES ALL AROUND  
EACH ALTERNATE  
EARTH

"BUT IT'S ONLY THE  
UNUSUAL QUANTITY AND CLOSE  
PROXIMITY OF THE FEEDS IN  
THE BRITISH ISLES THAT  
ALLOW THEM TO LINK UP



"IF WE NEED TO OPERATE OUTSIDE THE  
MATRIX, THE ARCANIC CIRCUITRY IN OUR  
UNIFORMS ACTS AS AN ANTENNA, AM-  
PLIFIER AND BATTERY

"THAT EXPLAINS  
WHY MY POWERS  
BEGAN TO FADE WHEN  
MY ORIGINAL COS-  
TUME WAS DESTROYED  
IN AMERICA



"BRAN YOU  
REALLY SHOULD  
HAVE

"ATTENDED THE TRAINING  
COURSE, I  
KNOW I KNOW

"I JUST  
NEVER FELT  
COMFORTABLE  
WITH ALL THIS  
OLD WORLD  
MAGIC  
MORUM



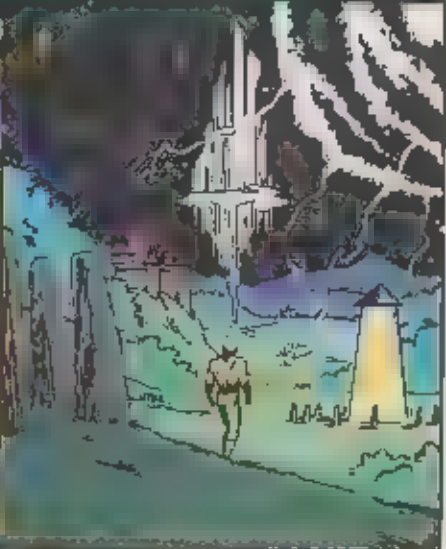
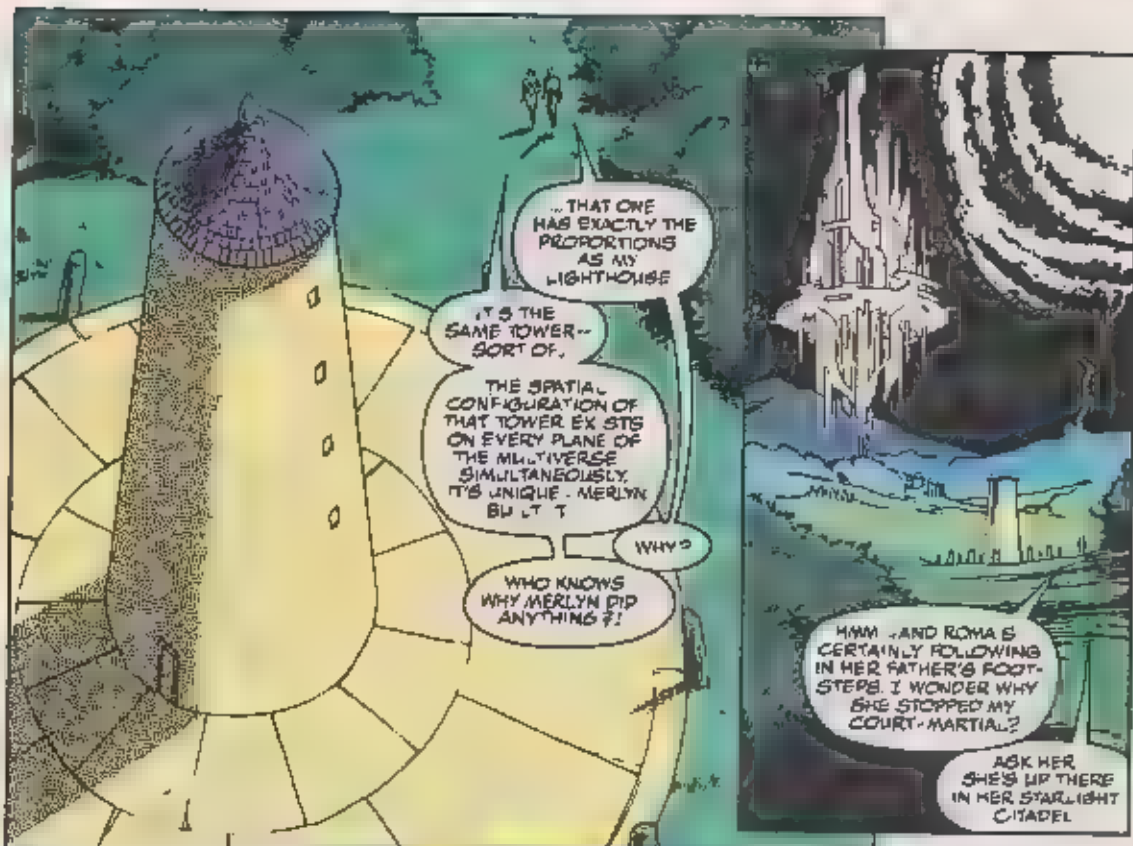
"ARCANIC SCIENCE, OLD  
KNOWLEDGE... ANCIENT MAN  
UNTERS... THE MOTHER  
AND HIS PLACE IN IT

"THEY COULD SENSE  
THE ENERGY MATRIX  
AND MAPPED IT WITH  
LEY LINES

"MARKING EACH  
INTERFERENCE WITH  
MONUMENTS, STONE  
CIRCLES

"AND  
TOWERS







EARTH 616 - FRANCE, THE RHONE VALLEY. A REMOTE PICTURESQUE LANDSCAPE OFF THE MAIN BEAT.

WHY MUST WE ASK WHY CAN'T WE LIVE?

WE'RE WORKING UNDERCOVER. WE CAN REST WHEN WE BLIND OUR TRAIN AT THE NEXT VILLAGE.

I'M NOT SURE, RACHEL. YOU'RE JUST LIKE THE OTHERS - TREATING ME LIKE I'M A SINGLE-MINDED CHILD.

SOMETHING IS WRONG. YOU HAVEN'T USED YOUR PSYCHIC POWERS SINCE WE LEFT LONDON TEN DAYS AGO.

I'M SORRY. I DON'T KNOW HOW TO USE THEM. I'M JUST NOT USED TO SHARING MY THOUGHTS.

REMEMBER WHEN WE WERE HERE?

YES, YOU SAID OUR FREQUENTED VENUES WERE THE SAME.

SIMILAR, YOURS IS A MORE REAL STATE. I'M SCALED BY THE VERY THINGS I WAS OBSOLETE IN THE.

IT'S LIKE HAVING THE LUMP, CALLED JIGSAWS, WED TOGETHER.

THE ONLY WAY TO SEPARATE THE BITS IS TO COMPLETE BOTH PICTURES.

BUT EVERY TIME I PLACE MORE THAN A FEW BITS TOGETHER, THEY FLY APART.

OR AT LEAST THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT UNTIL WE WENT TO THE SCOTT'S HOUSE.

BUT NOTHING HAPPENED. AND THEY ARE SUCH NICE PEOPLE.

EXACTLY. I COULD SENSE THE GENUINE WARMTH OF THE RELATIONS WHEN WE MET. IT SHOCKED ME.





-AND I SUDDENLY  
REALIZED I WERE ONE OF  
FEW ORDINARY  
PEOPLE

I HAD STARTED  
TO REGARD THEM AS  
PART OF AN ANONY-  
MOUS LEGION OF  
VICTIMS TO BE  
SAVED

THEN I BECAME CONSCIOUS  
OF THE DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL  
AT MY FINGERTIPS, OF MY PSYCHIC  
ARMOR, AND THE DEFENSIVE  
PROBES THAT VIOLATE THE  
MINDS OF ALL AROUND ME--

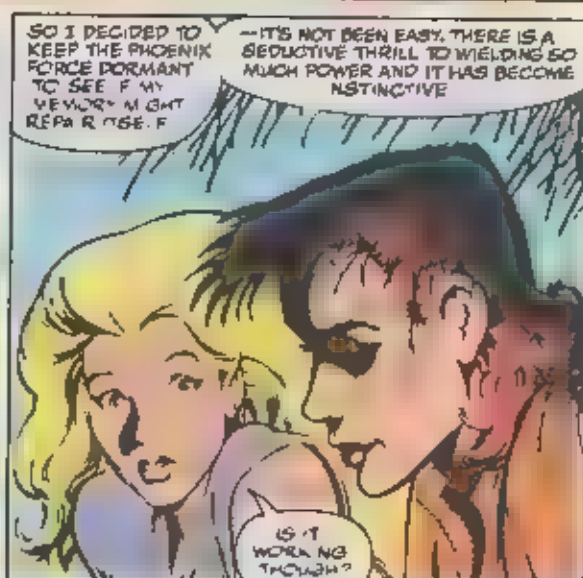
SO I  
WILLED THE  
PHOENIX FORCE  
TO BE  
DORMANT



WHAT  
HAPPENED?

NOTHING AT THE TIME  
BUT THE MOMENT I REINSTAT-  
ED THE PHOENIX FORCE THE  
CONFUSED SENSATION IN  
FRAGMENTED MEMORY CAUSES  
INTENSIFIED

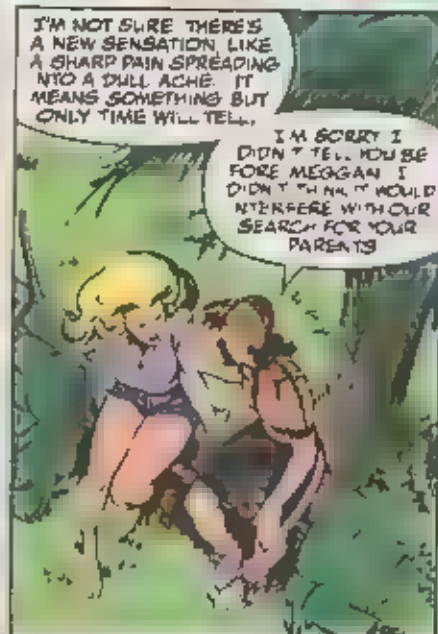
-THE TWO  
THINGS WERE  
OBVIOUSLY  
CONNECTED



SO I DECIDED TO  
KEEP THE PHOENIX  
FORCE DORMANT  
TO SEE IF MY  
MEMORY MIGHT  
REPAIR ITSELF

--IT'S NOT BEEN EASY. THERE IS A  
SEDUCTIVE THRILL TO WIELDING SO  
MUCH POWER AND IT HAS BECOME  
INSTINCTIVE

IS IT  
WORKING  
THOUGH?

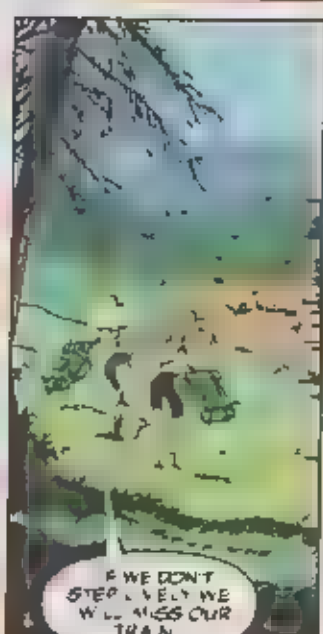


I'M NOT SURE THERE'S  
A NEW SENSATION LIKE  
A SHARP PAIN SPREADING  
INTO A DULL ACHÉ. IT  
MEANS SOMETHING BUT  
ONLY TIME WILL TELL.

I'M SORRY I  
DIDN'T TELL YOU BE-  
FORE MEGGAN. I  
DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD  
INTERFERE WITH OUR  
SEARCH FOR YOUR  
PARENTS



I WON'T  
BUT

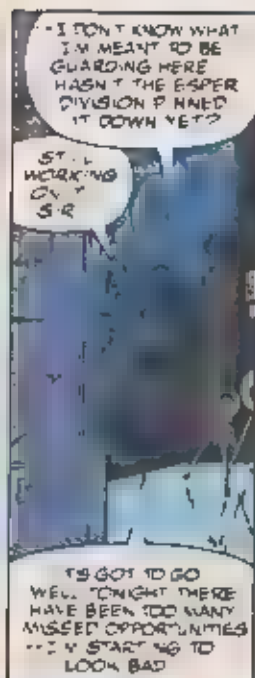


IF WE DON'T  
STEP UP, WE  
WILL MISS OUR  
TRAIN





FA-007 THE  
AR-007 ALLER  
P-2 13-14



"I DON'T KNOW WHAT  
I'M MEANT TO BE  
GUARDING HERE  
HASN'T THE ESPER  
DIVISION PUNISHED  
IT DOWN YET?"

STILL  
WORKING  
ON  
SR

IT'S GOT TO GO  
WELL TONIGHT THERE  
HAVE BEEN TOO MANY  
MISSED OPPORTUNITIES  
-- I'M STARTING TO  
LOOK BAD



NO ONE HAD BETTER  
INTERFERE THIS  
TIME OR I'LL

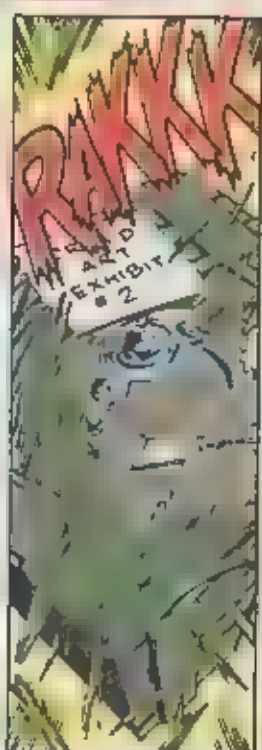
MICROMAX  
BR-007-ER BLOTT  
SPEAKING IN THE  
CHATTER MACHINE  
RADIO SILENCE

WV  
YBR



NUTS  
TO YOU,  
INKY!

HOW CAN I GUARD  
SOMETHING WHEN I  
DON'T KNOW WHERE  
IT IS?





THE TECHNET LEAD SILENTLY FROM  
THE SHARMS TOWN. THE PRIME ED  
MEAD, JAY, "MAY" BE, AND "THE R  
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THE MAXIMUM  
STRESS IS

AND THESE WERE  
GIVEN TO THE  
CUSTODIAN OF  
THE

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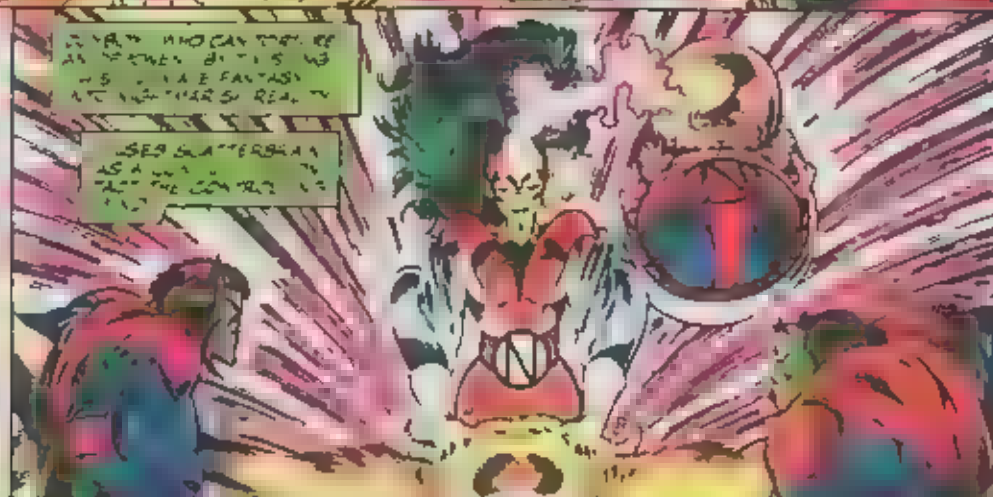
PLATE 1





SCATTERBRAIN, ADDRESSING HIM  
IN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIGHT, HE  
SAID THAT HE WAS A  
"SOMEONE WHO'S ACROSS  
THE LINE"

AND HE'S A DEAD END  
GUY, AS FAR AS  
THE FIGHT IS  
POWER



IT'S WHO CAN'T BE  
ANOTHER OF THE  
"SOMEONE WHO'S ACROSS  
THE LINE"

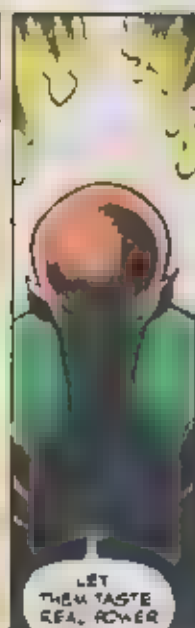
SEE SCATTERBRAIN  
AS A  
"SOMEONE WHO'S ACROSS  
THE LINE"



WHAT IS THIS  
FOLLY? THEY DARE  
TO USE MY SERV-  
ANT TO ATTACK  
ME



HOLD  
STEADY



LET  
THEM TASTE  
REAL POWER



NIGHTCRAWLER  
HE BE GETTING  
STRONGER

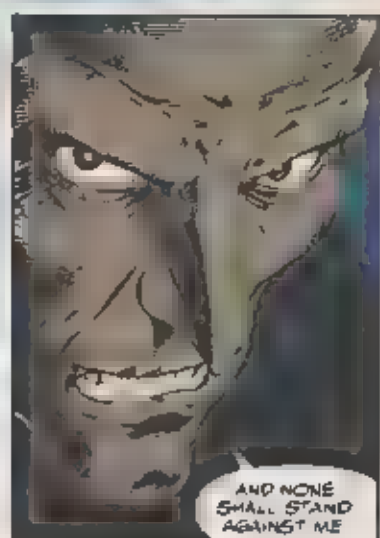
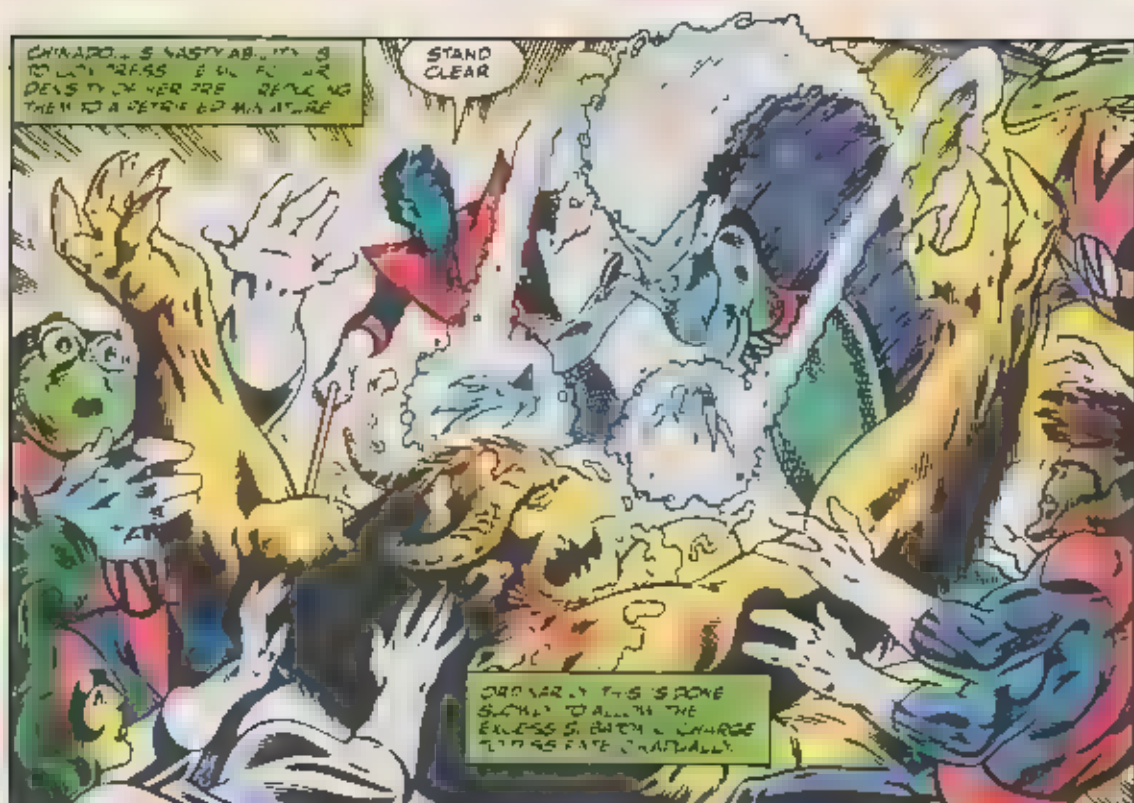


HE HOW  
QUICKLY THEY  
FALL

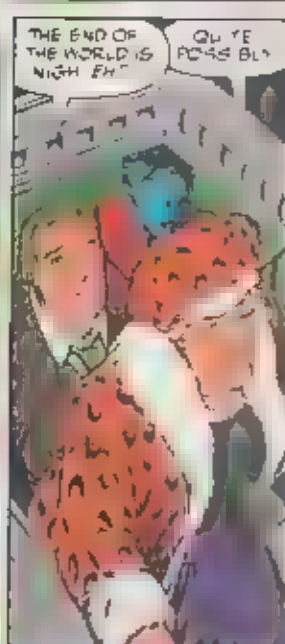
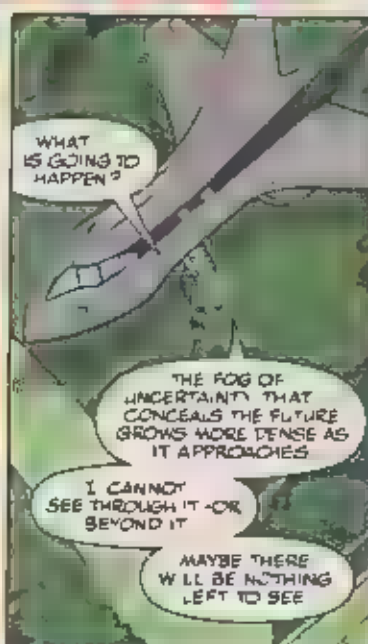
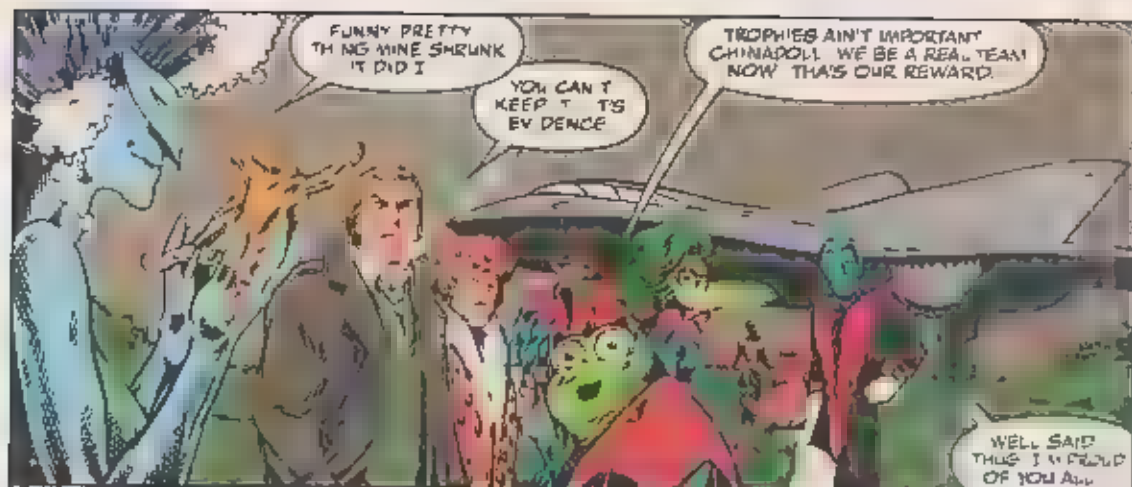


CH NADOLL -  
PREPARE  
YOURSELF











EARTH 148--  
EE'RATH.

IN THE FINAL  
HOURS OF AN  
EVIL EMPIRE...



...THE DARK CITADEL  
SURVIVES AS THE LAST  
STRONGHOLD OF THE  
CRUEL DESPOT NECROM.

REMNANTS OF HIS ONCE-  
MIGHTY ARMY MOUNT A  
FUTILE DEFENSE...



AGAINST THE REBEL  
FORCES WHO ATTACK  
WITH RENEVED VIGOR,  
SENSING IMMINENT  
VICTORY.

SUDDENLY, THE RESISTANCE  
COLLAPSES AND THE  
ATTACKERS POUR INTO THE  
CITADEL...



WE MUST  
MAKE HASTE,  
KYLIN, MY  
LOVE...

...THE DEMON  
HAS RETREATED TO  
THE CHAMBER OF  
INFINITY--



SLOW DOWN--  
THIS IS TOO  
NEAT... TOO  
EASY.

--SANCTUM  
TO THE TOWER  
THAT CROSSES  
TIME.

HIS  
DIABOLICAL  
SCHEME IS  
THWARTED,  
SO HE MAKES  
READY TO  
FLEE.

IT FEELS  
LIKE A...



...TRAP.

WE'VE BEEN  
SEPARATED FROM  
THE OTHERS.

YES, I DO SO  
DISLIKE CROWDS  
OF BLOOD-CRAZED  
SAVAGES.





WELCOME. I AM NECROM.

I COULD NOT DEPART THIS WORLD WITHOUT MEETING THE LEADERS OF THIS SILLY REBELLION. IT HAS COST ME DEARLY...

...BUT BE ASSURED, YOUR CAUSE IS LOST.



NEVER, EE'RATH IS FREE FROM YOUR TYRANNY--

FOOL! I HAVE SUCKED THIS INSIGNIFICANT WORLD DRY... IT IS A DYING HUSK. I PLAY FOR THE ULTIMATE PRIZE--

--THE POWER OF THE MULTIVERSE.



DREAM ON!

AH! KYLUN. YOU WISH TO FIGHT ME.

YOU RALLIED YOUR REBEL HORDE WITH YOUR BOAST TO KILL ME...



...AND THOSE YOU CALLED TRAITOR, THE GUARDIANS OF EE'RATH, EXCALIBUR.

BUT I AM AFRAID YOU ARE A LITTLE LATE FOR THAT--

-- YOU SEE, EXCALIBUR NEVER BETRAYED EE'RATH. THEY WOULD RATHER DIE THAN DENY THEIR HEROIC IDEAL--

--SO I KILLED THEM...

...AND NOW THEY ARE GOING TO KILL YOU.



NEXT ISSUE:  
COLIN THE BARBARIAN



# SWORD STOKES

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Attention correspondents: If you don't want your full address printed, please be sure to tell us so!

Dear Swordpeople,

My husband and I love EXCALIBUR. Thank you, thank you, thank you for making it go bi-weekly. We've been collecting a lot of other Marvel titles, but EXCALIBUR and SHE-HULK are definitely favorites.

Half a year ago, I wouldn't touch a comic. But the complexity of the characters in the Marvel Universe got me hooked, especially when the characters are also loveable. It's fascinating that you use such contradictions within your characters: Brian's pomposity helps to cover up his own feelings that he's not really cut out to be a hero. He needs both Courtney and Meggan to boost his ego, and hasn't the strength to choose. This isn't because he's bad, but because he's a human trying to be more than human.

Meggan has what is possibly one of the strongest and most versatile powers around. She is capable of creating new powers for herself, at least when the conditions are right, as in her shrinking the Silver Surfer-demon in Limbo, or her imitation of the X-Men. However, she still thinks of herself as helpless and not clever. As her experience both in combat and real life grows, so does her ability to use her special powers. By the way — she should never lose her vulnerability to outside forces, only grow slightly more resistant. It seems to be that her power and her liability are connected.

Kurt is the epitome of the hero I've always cheered for. Hey, I can fence and ballroom dance! If he ever gets bored, ship him to California. I'm a brunette, but I'm cute. Anyone interested in a Nightcrawler fan club, by the way?

Rachel and Kitty are great, too! When will an EXCALIBUR poster come out — with Alan Davis's art, please?

Till Nightcrawler shaves and bleaches himself blonde, Make Mine Marvel!

Helen Krummenacker  
4707 Toulon Lane  
Sacramento, CA 95828-4840

Thanks for a thoughtful letter, Helen — and by the way, you weren't the only one to request an Alan Davis EXCALIBUR poster! We'll put in your request!

Dear Sword Strokes,

I'm writing to you to compliment you on your excellent work with the Excalibur team. I'm a new reader of Marvel comics, but have already found the beloved team of Excalibur. I do, however, have a few questions:

1) Who is the leader of Excalibur? (I know they haven't had an election or anything. I just want to add my opinion like everyone else. I personally think it should be Nightcrawler. He seems to be the best for the job.

2) I don't understand why Kitty can't phase as well as she should be able to.

Speaking of Kitty...it is because of her that I found EXCALIBUR. When I saw her in the Marvel Universe Trading Cards, Series 1, I was overwhelmed by her beauty. Ever since then, I've looked for anything with her in it.

3) It seems that after Lockheed's injury (in issues #39-40), he hasn't recovered well. I don't think Excalibur is complete without him.

Well, thanks to everyone who created EXCALIBUR, and until pigs fly, Make Mine Marvel!

J.C. Oakley  
150 Bonnalfield Dr.  
Hermitage, TN 37076

Boy, this team-leader thing just won't go away! Right now, Excalibur functions as a team, with all members doing what they do best — and taking control when they are most qualified to do so. Anyone else who wants one leader?

Kitty was injured quite a while ago in the "Mutant Massacre" — but her powers are now returning to full strength, slowly but surely.

Lockheed had a pretty serious injury, J.C. Give him a chance, and he'll be as good as new!

Dear Sword Strokes,

I have just recently gotten into EXCALIBUR, and have been buying as many back issues as possible. You guys are great!

What's the story on Widget? Where does he come from? Do you have an origin planned?

I think Kitty needs a new power. Her present power is too passive. After all, a good defense is nothing without a good offense. Also, she isn't getting spotlighted a whole lot. It's always Phoenix in the limelight.

All this time I thought Lockheed was just a dumb animal. But issue #40 showed me that he's probably smarter than us. But if he's so smart, why does he consent to being a pet? Why don't you have him say something?

Until EXCALIBUR starts to develop just, Make Mine Marvel!

Stephen Wong  
15410 Brunswick Circle  
San Leandro, CA 94579

Wait a while on Widget — you won't be sorry!

A new power for Kitty? But, Stephen, she's already a ninja, trained by Wolverine! We can't think of anything much more offensive than that!

Dragons' vocal chords (wait — do dragons even have vocal chords?) are just not cut out for English! And, we're sure Lockheed doesn't think of himself as simply a pet. He's a friend.

Dear Sword Strokes,

I'm going to be frank. I think EXCALIBUR stinks. They really shouldn't be a team. Shadowcat and Phoenix should go back to the X-Men (especially Phoenix). Nightcrawler should have a solo adventure in a Limited Series — something like "Nightcrawler Crawls Again." As for Captain Britain and Meggan, they should team up with Union Jack, Crusader X, and a new hero from England and form "The Defenders of Britain" (they shouldn't even sound like an X-team).

Aaron Leopold  
226 W. Houston  
New York, NY 10018

Don't mince words, Aaron!

Dear Sword Strokes,

To begin with, I would like to thank Chris Claremont and Alan Davis for the creation of an extremely fantastic comic book which I am proud to add to my collection and call my utmost prized possession.

Speaking of prizes...Issue #41, page 2, at the very bottom are the names of Excalibur and the X-Men from left to right, but it seems that Colossus's name was left out. This is definitely a mistake, isn't it? Does this make me a no-prize winner? And if so, could you please print my letter to let me know? Thanks.

Continue with the great job, guys, and until Kitty leaves the team, Make Mine Marvel!

Mike Furlen  
P.O. 1  
Kens, Ontario  
Canada K0A 2E0

Glad to hear you're enjoying EXCALIBUR so much, Mike, but we're sorry to tell you that you haven't won that much-coveted, marvelous Marvel no-prize. Actually, this is a good chance for us to restate our policy, as we have recently received a lot of requests for no-prizes.

First of all, it is important to remember that we here at Marvel don't make mistakes. Therefore, your no-prize request must include a reasonable explanation that excuses our...uh...well, you know. Second, this is the nineties, folks! Things must have some significance! So no more no-prizes for miscolored shoes or a missing word. You must spot something that affects continually, or some such other matter of import. And third, in keeping with the nineties theme, good deeds now also qualify for no-prizes. So if you, or someone you know has done something worthy of note, such as donated a box of comics to a children's hospital (use your imagination), let us know!

No-prize winners will always appear here for everyone's perusal. Hope that clears things up!

MEET  
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MORE



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GO! QUICKLY... BUT REMEMBER THE PLAN. WORK AS A TEAM!

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